IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Furman, et al.

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Title: Methods of Functionalizing and

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Functionalized Metal Oxide Particles and Mechanically Strong and Transparent or

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Zirconium Oxide Nanoparticles

§ **Translucent Composites Made Using** §

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY

Filing Date Granted

Applicants respectfully request an extension of time of two months to respond to the Notice of Incomplete Reply, mailed May 21, 2001 and the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed February 15, 2001.

In response to the form Notice of Incomplete Reply, mailed May 21, 2001, please find enclosed a Declaration executed by Hong Dixon. Also enclosed are a check in the amount of \$195.00 for the extension of time fee and the return copy of the form entitled Notice of Incomplete Reply.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments related to this response to Deposit Account No. 50-0997 (SWRI-2749A).

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